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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of February 5, 2003 setting up an election/restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group 1, namely claims 1-13 and 15 and 16. The remaining claims are held in the application pending later examination or for filing in a divisional application.

Applicant objects to this election/restriction requirement because it is submitted that all claims of this application can be easily examined without a restriction requirement. A

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restriction requirement will prolong the pendency and a lot of time and effort required to handle the prosecution of this case. Accordingly, Applicant traverses the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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